

BRIEF REVIEW OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

RECORD OF THE IMPORTANT
HAPPENINGS IN ITEM-
IZED FORM.

Home and Foreign News Gathered
From All Quarters of the World,
and Prepared for Busy Men.

INTERMOUNTAIN

Utah's total assessed valuation for 1912 is \$200,262,373, showing a gain of \$6,838,768 over the valuation of 1911, and a gain of \$82,215,657 in the last ten years, according to the report of the state board of equalization.

The Denver & Salt Lake Railroad company, with \$10,000,000 capital stock, was incorporated Monday at Denver with power to acquire the property of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad, commonly known as the "Moffat road."

Crazed and distracted by the death of his mother, Mrs. Georgia Pliggle-Hart, a four-hour later retired to a rear room and shot herself through the head, death being instantaneous.

Fruitgrowers of the northwest in conference at Spokane, took steps to form a co-operative fruit selling association to market the fruit of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. A committee of nine growers was appointed to organize the selling agency.

Two earthquake shocks were felt at 7 o'clock Monday night at the Marysville, Bald Butte, Bald Mountain and Jay Gould mining camps, twenty-five miles from Helena.

Railways of Oregon attacked in the federal court, on Monday, the recently enacted initiative bill in which the people undertook to declare the relationship of freight classes and the percentage relationship carloads should bear to the rate on less than carload lots.

Paul Pattison, aged 29, prosecuting attorney of Whitman county, Washington, and son of John Pattison of Spokane, Democratic national committeeman for Washington, has been convicted of a charge of grand larceny and given an indeterminate sentence in the state reformatory.

William Davidson, Utah pioneer, who freighted between Corinne, Utah, and Helena in the early days, but for the last twenty-eight years engaged in horse raising and ranching near Belt and Armstrong, Mont., is dead.

DOMESTIC

The first government wireless station to be opened for the regular receipt of commercial messages is that at Key West, Fla., which by order of the navy department began Monday to handle such business.

Packey McFarland of Chicago earned a decisive victory over Eddie Murphy of Boston in their ten-round fight at Kenosha, Wis.

Horace Kearny, the young Kansas City aviator who tried to master land and sea in a hydroaeroplane flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco, lost his fight with the elements, and with his passenger, Chester Lawrence, a Los Angeles newspaperman, was drowned in the ocean.

Two men and a boy who were in the basket of a captive balloon that was parted from its cable at Venice, Cal., a seashore resort, by a thirty-mile gale, were rescued four miles at sea.

Mrs. Austin Baker, while dressing a chicken at her home at Albert Lea, Minn., for the family Sunday dinner, found a half-karat diamond in the gizzard. Mrs. Baker showed it to a jeweler, who pronounced it genuine. Loss estimated at \$500,000 was caused at Patterson, N. J., by fire in the business district. The flames raged for three hours and reduced to ruins several important stores and office buildings.

The "egg crusade" has reached New York. The Housewives' league, which claims to have the backing of 50,000 women, has fixed 25c a dozen as a "fair and reasonable" price for cold storage eggs.

One man is believed to be dying and seven others are in a critical condition as a result of being beaten up by highwaymen in South Lima, Ohio, early Sunday.

Patrolman Bert Barrett shot and killed Deputy Policeman John Baird at police headquarters at Riverside, Cal., and after being taken to the county jail tried to commit suicide. The two officers had quarreled over Baird's advancement in the service.

With the arrival of twenty-six prisoners from Washington, on Saturday, the number of prisoners in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth was increased to 1,206, the most ever confined in the institution at one time.

S. R. Esterday, a farmer living near Marengo, Ia., was beaten and robbed of \$4,490 at the union station in Burlington. He will recover.

Following the lead set by the women of Philadelphia, the Women's Clean Food league of Chicago is preparing a war for lower prices for eggs.

Marvin W. Hamby, the 22-year-old express messenger whose car on the Santa Fe was robbed of \$20,145 in gold near Bakersfield, Cal., last week, has confessed he robbed the safe with the aid of his 16-year-old brother, Melvin.

David L. Burney, one of the five men who founded the Knights of Pythias, died suddenly in Washington Monday night of heart disease, aged 75 years.

Dr. George W. Bradley, an aged physician of Waverly, Ill., was arrested Sunday and taken to the Morgan county jail accused of attempting to kill Frank Wyle, a jeweler of Waverly, whom he accused of alienating his wife's affections.

Col. E. J. Cochrane, governor of the Sawtelle (California) soldiers' home, has forwarded his resignation to the board of managers of the National Soldiers' home.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Miller Gould of New York, daughter of the late Jay Gould, to Finley J. Shepard, a prominent railroad man of St. Louis, is made public.

Millions of dead fish have been cast up from the gulf of Mexico at Tampico, Mexico, and vicinity during the past ten days, the result, it is believed, of submarine volcanic disturbances.

WASHINGTON

President Taft has directed Secretary Wilson to appoint Dr. Carl Alsburg, a chemist in the agricultural department, chief of the bureau of chemistry, to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

President Taft has announced through Secretary Hilges that the post of ambassador to Great Britain, made vacant by the death of Whitehall, will not be filled by him.

Record crops of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, rye, hay and rice were harvested this year, according to the final estimates of the department of agriculture, announced Monday. With a total value of \$3,911,449,000, the eleven principal crops estimated exceeded the value of the same crops last year by \$50,531,000.

A plan to enable the judiciary committee of the senate to take the testimony in any impeachment trial not involving the president, vice-president, members of the cabinet or justices of the supreme court is proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Sutherland.

The chair of the presiding officer of the senate was filled for the rest of the session by the adoption of a plan on Monday through which Senators Gallinger and Bacon will alternate in terms of two weeks each as president pro tem, until March 4.

Business in general, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States, has shared in the country's prosperity, according to Comptroller Lawrence O. Murray in his annual report.

FOREIGN

Conditions in Paris and reports received from the provinces show that the fourth attempt of the general federation of labor to bring about a general strike for the purpose of demonstrating their power to paralyze the resources of the government has been as ineffective as on previous occasions.

The preliminaries of the peace conference at London were completed Monday and apparently the Greek difficulty regarding the signing of the armistice has been surmounted.

Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at his London residence, Dorchester house, shortly after noon Sunday from pulmonary oedema. Whitelaw Reid was in his seventy-sixth year, having been born October 27, 1837, in Xenia, O.

Arms furnished by the United States government for the protection of Americans at Cananea, Mexico, are in the hands of some 1,000 Mexicans, who threaten a strike based on an anti-American movement.

The report current that the Russian government was withdrawing its deposits from the German banks is officially denied.

Bulgaria is declared to be about to enter the triple alliance, thus joining forces with Austro-Hungary, Germany and Italy, according to information given from a diplomatic source to the Figaro.

A Turkish destroyer attempted to pass into the Aegean sea from the Dardanelles on Saturday, but was driven back by shells fired by two Greek destroyers patrolling the straits.

Walter Mumm, of Paris, a well known sportsman and member of a prominent family connected with the wine trade, was shot and seriously wounded by an American woman.

The Antarctic steamer, Terra Nova, sailed from Christchurch, New Zealand, to the relief of Captain Robert F. Scott's Antarctic expedition.

Leon Bourgeois, a former premier and minister of labor in the present French cabinet, has told his friends definitely that the condition of his health forbade him entertaining any idea of standing as a candidate for the presidency of France at the coming election.

Coincident with the arrival of the Greek peace commissioners in London, news came from Athens of a resumption of hostilities between the Greeks and Turks on an imposing scale.

An incipient revolution in Honduras was quelled immediately by the killing of its leader, General Jose Maria Valledares, while urging his followers to start the outbreak.

On account of the death of Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria Emperor William has ordered general mourning for three weeks, and the imperial parliament has been adjourned over Christmas.

J. T. Little and Fred T. Bailey, reported killed in Sonora, Mexico, by Yaqui Indians, have returned safely to Cananea.

TURKISH FLEET DRIVES BACK GREEK SHIPS

After Battle Turkish Warships Return to Anchorage With Flags Flying and Bands Playing.

Sedil-Bahr, Dardanelles. — Another naval battle was fought between the Turkish and Greek fleets Tuesday morning outside the entrance to the Dardanelles straits.

After the battle the Turkish warships returned to their anchorage with flags flying and bands playing amid the enthusiastic applause of the crowds lining the shore.

According to an eye-witness who verifies the official report of the engagement, after a long range exchange of shots the smaller Greek vessels retired, leaving the pride of the Greek navy, the cruiser Georgio Averoff, to bear the brunt of the fighting.

The cruiser seemed to be using only her small caliber guns and showed signs of having been struck by three or four shells. Finally she slowly retired from the combat.

The Greek torpedo boats and submarines remained behind an island under cover during the fighting.

WILSON GIVES WARNING.

Praises Gibbet of Disgrace for Those Who Provoke Panic.

New York.—President-elect Wilson held up a warning finger Tuesday night to any man who might deliberately start a panic in the United States in order to show that intended legislative policies were wrong.

In a speech at the banquet of the Southern Society of New York, he declared he had heard sinister prediction of what would follow if the Democratic party put into effect changes in economic policy.

The president-elect first distinguished in his speech between "natural" and "unnatural" panics. He said that in many cases panics had come naturally because of a mental disturbance of people with reference to loans and money generally.

"But the machinery is in existence," he said, "by which the thing can be deliberately done. Frankly, I don't think there is any man living who dares use the machinery for that purpose. If he does, I promise him, not for myself but for my fellow countrymen, a gibbet as high as Haman's. As for myself, I am afraid of nothing."

The governor added that he meant no literal gibbet, "for that is not painful," but he said it would be a gibbet of public disgrace "which will live as long as the members of that man's family survive."

Alfalfa Millers Meet.

Wichita, Kan.—Alfalfa millers from Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado closed their semi-annual meeting here Tuesday with a prediction that \$20,000,000 worth of alfalfa products would be the output of their mills this year. Uniform grading rules were adopted so that alfalfa millers can be protected.

Greeks Claim the Victory.

Athens.—The ministry of marine has made public the details of a military battle fought Tuesday outside the Dardanelles as reported by the commander of the Greek destroyer squadron. After an hour's engagement the enemy retired in disorder, considerably damaged, according to private information.

Cabinet Discusses British Protest.

Washington.—Great Britain's note of protest against the Panama coastwise tolls provision was discussed to the third time at the cabinet meeting Tuesday. After the sitting Secretary of State Knox stated that there is no need of undue haste in answering the British note.

Borax Bill Reported Favorably.

Washington.—The senate mines and mining committee has reported favorably upon the bill introduced in the last session of congress by the late Senator Nixon of Nevada defining the manner to be followed in acquiring lands containing deposits of borax and like matters.

Slave Girls Rescued.

San Francisco.—Locked in steel cells in a dark, evil-smelling Chinese building, United States immigration officials, in a spectacular raid early Tuesday, found five Chinese slave women just smuggled in from the Orient, and arrested the men alleged to be the ring-leaders of the slavers.

Wilson Receives Threatening Letter.

Newark, N. J.—President-elect Wilson's life has again been threatened by a letter writer. The letter was mailed in New York on December 12, received by the governor's secretary at Trenton the following day and turned over to the postal authorities.

Fugitive Convict Killed.

Globe, Ariz.—Lorenzo Gutierrez, who escaped from the convict "honor" camp in the Pinal mountains near here, was shot and killed at Fort Thomas while resisting capture by two deputy sheriffs.

Reward for Patrolmen.

Kansas City.—Ten days' leave of absence with pay will be granted each patrolman who brings in, dead or alive, any highwayman caught in the act of seizing a purse from a woman or holding up a citizen.

ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Land of Fond Memories and Home of Saint Good Will.



Land of Fond Memories and Home of Saint Good Will. HEN, as we journeyed eastward to the Land of Hearts Desire, we came to an island which is called Christmas, where all good pilgrims go ashore. But those who have ventured far from their course, or have no liking to company with their fellows, sail on to the north, which is a chilly sea, or to the south, where the blast is not tempered. For Christmas Island lies straight in the way of the honest mariner, and the stream which runs as a river through the sea hath warmth and fragrance, whereof the shores of the island give pleasant evidence. Now, the gales that sweep the island sweep westward upon the approaching pilgrims, and eastward upon the departing sails, so that the stay within the gracious port is but a part of the joy of that sea.

And as the shores came out of the horizon, a little child called, "Christmas! Christmas!"—so clear is the air of these parts to infant eyes. And the older folk aboard were joyful, too, for off the west coast of the island, which those who have charted these seas call the Shore of Memory, a fragrant breeze began that minute to blow; though of these names I cannot be sure, for the child had a book of his own wherein this shore was named Anticipation. And now the journey meant a few more dawns and sunsets ere a landing could be made, but with each league onward the mellow fragrance was more marked. So there was great dispute among the elder folk to say just what made up the pleasant assault upon our senses, some saying it was composed mostly of this, and others of that.

"It is lavender," said an old lady. "Lavender and spruce and burning candles. I remember the night the new dress was taken from the chest, and we danced beneath the candles, and there was mistletoe, my dear, that was how I met my grandfather. Yes, the breeze from off the shore of the island is lavender and spruce and burning candles."

"Ho! to me!" cried a bluff and hearty man. "It is the good smell of well-warmed horses on the snow, with the moon making a double team of them. And it is the good dry smell of popping corn and cooking apples. Oh, yes, and I will be saying there's the brown turkey in it, too. And the smell of a lantern in the barn when we go out to get the horses after the dance."

"Ah," said another—and as I looked I saw he was habited as a priest. "It is the incense, the Christmas incense, which goes in ghostly columns to the darkened roof of the great church as the Three Wise Men go in procession up the aisle attended by acolytes and hooded nuns to do homage to the Babe at the altar. Easter I know by the lilies which smother the incense, but Christmas is incense and music. It is that which makes the breeze so delightful to you, my good people."

"No," said another. "No, no. Ah—now I know what it is. It is back in the hill kirk that we are, where the foot-warmer keeps us alive through the Christmas, and it's the faint scorching of honest leather and the faint singeing of homespun that the breeze is bringing you."

"It's candy! It's varnish on sleds! It's perfume on dolls! It's oranges, and evergreens, and the smell of the wood fire in the fireplace, and the smell of the cold on mother's furs!" cried the child.

And I know not to what lengths the talk might have gone, but the sailors were calling "Shore!" and there was great motion among the pilgrims.

Now, the island is ruled by a saint whose names are many, but in all tongues and races they have one meaning, which is GOOD WILL. And his name is the law of the island. For he holdeth that if a man hath Good Will he fulfilleth all law; and if he have not Good Will no law can put it within him; but if he have it he cannot but give proof of it. So that there is great giving of gifts in the island called Christmas, for Good Will is itself a gift which forever branches and blossoms and sets to fruit of its kind. And it is the custom of the saint to meet the pilgrim ships and give those who call upon him the choicest gifts, and when a man hath received any one of them he is forever a citizen of the island called Christmas, with all the rights thereof.

Now, the gifts are hung upon a tree which is called the Tree of Life and they shine with a wonderful light and give off a sweetness which in good time will sweeten the world. Indeed, as all pilgrims know, the reason that shores far distant from the Christmas Isle are habitable at all is that pilgrims have come back bearing their gifts of sweetness and light.

And the first gift is the Gift of the Good Thought, whereby one may break the hold of a narrow varacity which chains him, truthfully enough, but all too unwise, to the faults of his fellows. There are neither riches nor power comparable to the Good Thought, which comes of the Good Sight, whereby men have discovered

hidden worth as the miner has found the blackened, bleak and forbidding hillside to be threshold of worlds of gleaming gold. He that receives this gift comes to himself to find himself in a friendly world. It is a gift greatly to be desired, as a fire in winter, a friend in misfortune; and by its magic are miracles wrought on those who dwell far from the kingdom of the Saint Good Will.

And the second gift is like unto it—a mild spirit of amnesty toward all pilgrims whose faulty compass takes them astray, and those who receive it are straightway inducted into the Order of the Forgivers. It strikes from the pilgrim as in the twinkling of an eye, the cold bonds of hatred, vengeance, and all the brood of malice, which make their home with a man but to destroy him.

And the third gift is the Just Judgment, by which the world is vastly lightened by reason of the number of condemnations being lessened. For as is the number of those who condemn in this world, so is the number of disappointments we carry about with us, and the number of the sunny windows we have darkened for ourselves. There are lights of life which a just judgment forbears to extinguish, and he who bears this gift walks in a mellow circle of serene tolerance.

And the fourth gift is that of the Cheerful Spirit, having which one has light at eventide, yea and at midnight. For there is no darkness like unto the darkness of the spirit bereft of cheerful lamps and fires, and there is no darkness of the spirit that the St. Good Will cannot dispel.

And when the pilgrim has received these gifts he finds among them another, which is the gift of Vision, whereby he sees the unseen. Indeed, all the gifts of St. Good Will pertain to sight and vision, for as the physical eye is the chief of the body's blessings, so is the gift of vision the savor of life, which possessing, no man perishes. For as blind men walk the way and see neither rivers nor trees nor men, so he who has not received these best of gifts walks in great blindness toward a world which encompasses him with beneficence, guidance, protection and inspiration.

And when the pilgrims sailed on, lo! they were new mortals. And no matter how great the distance they journeyed, the pleasant gales of Christmas Isle were always in their nostrils. And they went to many lands, but wherever they set foot, or built a booth or raised a tent, the people knew they had been to the Blessed Isle. And Christmas trees sprang as seedlings from the Tree of Life, and many kindnesses to friends and the poor were borne abroad on the wings of sweetness and light which forever came forth from the gifts of St. Good Will.—Detroit News.

Christmas Song

Now is the time when holly sprays
Light all the barren, brooding noels,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
A psalm in the Master's praise.

Now is the time when lovels gleam
Like dervyl in the morning beam,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
And makes the Master's praise its theme.

Now is the time when mistletoe
Is glossy in the noonday glow,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
To praise upon his name bestow.

Now is the time of ingle mirth,
The blessed day of Christ—his birth,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
Coring his praise throughout the earth.

—Clinton Scotland in Atlantic's

NOT A DAY OF JOY FOR ALL

Those Who Are Happy on Christmas
Should Remember the Buffering
and Distressed.

"It's Christmas time, friend! What will you do about it?" asks L. D. Stearns in Suburban Life. "Mothers! Aunties! You who love to see your babies bend, crooning softly, over their family of dolls, with that grave little smile of dawning motherhood fitting tenderly over their faces, just within a stone's throw of babies who have no dolls, and the mother heart beats in their bosoms just as it does in that of your own sheltered darlings; but their faces are grave, and sharp and old; and little drawn, white lines show about their mouths; and their eyes are not like the eyes of your children. The other day, a baby opened its eyes for the first time on this old earth; it was one of our coldest days; but in the home was no stove, no bit of warmth, no food—almost no clothes! On another street, in the midst of plenty, a woman, with two small babies toddling about, the father out hunting for work, cries—'We've not a dollar in the house, and nothing to eat!' Oh, mothers—oh, adoring aunties—life isn't made up of just prayers and sitting reverently in church, keeping one day in the week holy! There's a tryst to keep with life that is spelled in many, many ways, if you'd make it complete."

Women and the Ballot.

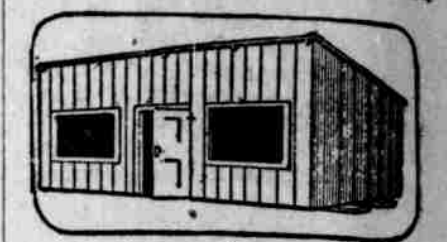
Werner-Neustadt and Waldhofen, Austria, have just given the women taxpayers the ballot, making voting compulsory for women as well as men. The legislature of Manitoba recently permitted women to practice law. The legislature of Georgia only a few days later defeated a similar amendment.

POULTRY

SMALL, MOVABLE HEN HOUSE

One Found Satisfactory After Much Experimenting—Built on Runners to Facilitate Moving.

After experimenting with several sizes and styles of poultry houses we have decided that the small, movable house is best of all, writes Mrs. W. H. Bush in the Missouri Valley Farmer. It is built upon runners so that a team may be hitched to it for moving, and should not be larger than 8 by 12 feet.



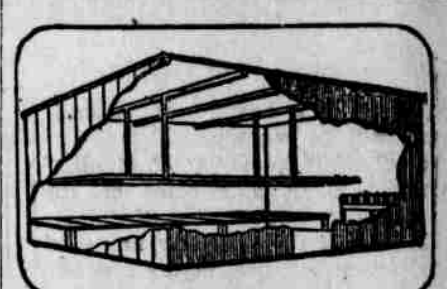
Exterior View.

7 feet high in front and 5 at the back. A good, tight floor is laid, and the walls inside are covered with rubberoid roofing, the same as is used on the roof. Walls thus covered are draft and mite proof, as well as warm and neat looking.

Dropping boards are built 2½ feet above the floor, along the back wall, the roosts being placed a foot above, suspended from the ceiling by wires. In front of roosts is a canvas curtain reaching from the ceiling to within a foot of the floor. The door and windows are fitted with screens and also canvas curtains, which are for use at night and for stormy days. A house arranged in this way insures the chickens against drafts and at the same provides plenty of fresh, pure air.

The floor space, being clear, is used as a scratching pen, for hens, to do well in winter, must be kept busy. Nest boxes are placed at each end of the building or along the front beneath the windows.

In summer the houses are moved frequently to fresh ground, as when chickens run continuously over the same lot the ground becomes foul and unhealthy. When winter comes the houses are moved and arranged in a row along the middle of a large yard, which has previously been sown to wheat, and furnishes the flock with



Interior View.

green feed till spring. The lot is divided by the row of houses and a little fencing into two parts, which are used alternately. Forty to fifty hens may be kept in this manner in a house such as I have described.

TRIAL OF HOPPER FEEDING

Test at West Virginia Station Shows
Egg Production at Lower Cost
Than Other System.

In bulletin 130 of the West Virginia station a report is given of a trial of the hopper-feeding system for poultry, which was installed in order to save labor. In a year's test, with five pens of white Leghorns, the cost of food varied from 68 cents to \$1.04 per fowl per year, and averaged 90 cents per fowl for the 100 fowls in the experiment.

The egg production varied from 81.4 eggs per hen, when fed principally upon corn, to 24.7 in the pen which received whole grain once per day, scattered in litter, and dry mash and beef scrap without limit in a hopper. The food cost of the eggs during year varied from 8.5 cents to 11.3 cents per dozen. Two pens, hopper fed, produced eggs having a lower food cost than the pen which received moistened mash, and in this test there was apparently no benefit from the extra labor involved in moistening the mash.

POULTRY NOTES

Darkened nests discourage the egg-eating habit.

The successful poultry raiser loves his fowls and his work.

You must provide other grit for the chickens besides oyster shell.

Keep as many hens as you like, but do not keep too many in one flock.

A little granulated charcoal mixed in the soft feed is excellent in cases of diarrhoea.

This is the time of year when a leaky roof on the poultry house needs attention.

It is a rest period now for many of the hens. It pays at this time to feed them liberally.

A little more elbow grease used in keeping the premises clean will often prevent disease.

A hopperful of bran is always seasonable feed and the whole flock should have access to it.

A comfortable home for the hens may be constructed by a person who has very little mechanical ability.